

The genuine Boston plan is simple enough. They have there a Wayfarers' Lodge to which applicants for shelter are sent from the police stations. The men are made to take a shower, get a clean shirt and put in a decent bed. Over the night, their clothes, if "trouble some," are steamed in a big boiler and dried. The dirty tramp goes out clean, after chomping a bit of bread and butter, and has paid for the night and his breakfast. The Wayfarers' Lodge has been in use a dozen years, and has paid the city an interest on the money expended. It has reduced the number of Boston vagrants to one or two, and less of what it was before. Similar results have followed in Philadelphia, Indianapolis and Baltimore, and in London and other cities all over where the experiment was made. Mr. Charles F. Kibbey, the secretary of the Charity Organization Society, has denounced the plan that lifts the tramp from the "horst" "out-of-work." The tramp goes away in disgust.

This is the plan it is proposed to substitute for the present one, to disperse this city by making a law for the law to establish municipal lodging houses. The Grand Jury last autumn strongly urged that there be no further delay. The friends of the reform, discouraged by many failures, have appealed to the Mayor, Mr. Kibbey, the secretary of the Charity Organization Society, to the Police Commissioners to take the matter in hand, since law and custom have made it their duty to do so. They have not. Nothing has been done.

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